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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

SIR:

An Interview Summary was mailed on March 13, 2007. As a response to the last office action was already mailed before the interview, Applicant presents the following Statement of Substance of Interview.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time during a telephone interview on February 25, 2008. Present for the interview were Examiner Salmon, Examiner Shukla and Applicant's representative, Patent Agent Susan Hubl. Examiner Salmon and Susan Hubl exchanged voicemail around March 10, 2008 confirming Applicant's agreement with proposed amendments.

No exhibits or demonstrations were presented or discussed.

During the interview and voicemail exchange, claims 8-11 and 13-15 were discussed.

The following proposed amendments to claim 4 were discussed:

- Change Brucella to Brucella melintensis
- Change using to performing
- Recite the SEQ ID NOS of the polynucleotides of claim 8

Cancellation of claims 11 and 14 was discussed.

Amending claim 13 to recite “The polynucleotides of claim 8, further comprising a set of oligonucleotides...” was discussed.

Amending claim 15 to recite “The polynucleotides of claim 9, further comprising a set of oligonucleotides...” was discussed.

Rejoinder of the method claims to the composition claims was discussed.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant’s representative at (415) 875-2316.

Respectfully submitted,
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